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Subject: Comment on the Microsoft settlement

Ms Renata Hesse,

I would like to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement.

As an independent software developer who has been unemployed for most
of the last 14 months, I very much feel the economic recession.
Although the "dot-com" bust is undoubtedly a reason for the current
lack of jobs, it is the predatory monopolistic practices of Microsoft
Corporation which I feel is the main reason for the situation so many
of us independent software developers find ourselves in.

The FUD, (fear, uncertainty and doubt) fostered by Microsoft's
actions with regards to the Java programming language has severely
limited the expansion of Internet software capabilities and the
attendant programmer employment. Also, the way Microsoft has
positioned its ".NET" strategy, as an alternative to the current
Internet experience, rather then positioning it as an embrace and
extend, has stagnated the development of Internet based computer
applications. As an individual who chooses to develop and deploy
Internet solutions on non-Microsoft software platforms, this has
locked me out of business opportunities.

The three pillars of justice: restraint, rehabilitation and
retribution are not adequately addressed by this proposal. While a
measure of rehabilitation needs time for accountability, the
settlement provides no relief from the monopolistic force of
Microsoft's Internet browser, why is it that this is permitted?
Microsoft must be forced to market their browser independent from
their operating system. Also there is no retribution available to the
thousands of companies and the over hundred thousand engineers who
have been affected by Microsofts actions. The Microsoft education
proposal is a mockery of accounting and a piece of candy for
Microsoft's thrust into education. I spent five years on the
Riverview School District technology committee which is in King
County, Washington; and a third of that time was spent trying to
prevent the takeover of the computer resources by those who
mistakenly believe that a single computer supplier is beneficial to
the educational system.

I have encountered the lies, sabotage and intimidation of Microsoft
for fifteen years now and I'm angry about the situation.

I have enclosed a link to my resume, from which you can see I have
been involved in software development which includes important work I

did for the Apollo Space Program.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~cascades/resume/BaissResume.html>
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